

**SUMTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

SUBJECT: Public hearing to consider revision of the Utility Allowance Schedule form used for all Section 8 assisted housing units

REQUESTED ACTION: Board's option

☐ Work Session (Report Only)

☒ Regular Meeting

DATE OF MEETING: 11/10/2009

☐ Special Meeting

CONTRACT: ☒ N/A

Effective Date: 12/1/2009

Managing Division / Dept:

Vendor/Entity: HUD

Termination Date: 11/30/2010

Housing

BUDGET IMPACT: There will be no budget impact regarding this revision

☐ Annual

☐ Capital

☒ N/A

FUNDING SOURCE:

HUD Section 8 Grant

EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT:

107-550-554-4410

HISTORY/FACTS/ISSUES:

The Sumter County Housing Department has an ACC (Annual Contributions Contract) with HUD (U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development) to assist participants with monthly rental payments through the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program. Before a family becomes a participant under the Section 8 Voucher Program, the unit which they select must be a HUD approved unit in order to receive assistance. The rent must be reasonable and the Housing Department must determine what the average cost of utilities the families will pay monthly. The monthly rent combined with the utility allowance can not exceed the Fair Market Rents set by HUD (attached for information) for any assisted unit.

HUD requires the Housing Department to utilize the Utility Allowance Schedule HUD form 52667 for all housing units being assisted under the Section 8 Voucher Program. Due to increasing utility costs, it has been determined the current schedule (attached for information) requires updating to reflect a more accurate utility cost for each family. Research shows the electric rate should be increased by 25%, propane cost should be increased by 75% and the trash average cost increased by 30%. Also, the increased cost of tenant-supplied appliances according to retailers will be divided over a twenty-four month period.

A copy of the draft Utility Allowance Schedule was made available for public review at the Sumter County Housing Department, 910 North Main Street, Suite 308, Bushnell, FL. 33513 from October 14, 2009 through November 9, 2009 as advertised. A copy of the proposed Utility Allowance Schedule is attached.

The Housing Department is requesting the Board of Sumter County Commissioners to approve the revisions made to the Utility Allowance Schedule form.
